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CITY OF JOHANNESBURG.

ITS WONDERFUL GROWTH IN THE
SPACE OF SEVEN YEARS.

Forty Thousand Inhabitants—Brick and Stone Banks and Mercantile Buildings—Altitude and Climate.

Johannesburg, before which the British forces under command of Dr. Jameson, the agent of the British South Africa Company, were recently defeated by the Boers, is a city of considerable importance, says the S. F. Chronicle. The city itself numbers 40,000 inhabitants, besides the 30,000 and more men at work in the mines and prospecting for more mines in the country round about. Johannesburg has had a mushroom sort of growth, having developed from a mere mining camp in seven years. It is a story of the power of gold in turning an utter wilderness into a great, thriving, urban community. The figures of the aggregate yield of the mines are not at hand, but during the month of June last the output amounted to 200,941 ounces—say \$3,000,000.



PRESIDENT KRUEGER OF TRANSVAAL.

Banks and mercantile houses of cut stone and brick, a great stock exchange, two theaters, hotels fit for millionaires, street railways—in short, everything for the convenient transaction of business and for the comfort of life is found there. Last of all has come a railroad, a monument to the perseverance and resolution of one man, President Krueger. The enterprise was fraught with many difficulties, but in July last, regular trains began to run, and, with a market assured, agriculturists have been flocking to the region to take advantage of the rich soil of the Transvaal.

As to the climate, it is extremely trying. The men who lead active lives out of doors seem to thrive, but the women seem to suffer from the effects of the extreme altitude and show it. Those who have been there over a year have lost all their rotundity and color. The city is 5000 feet above sea level, and but for that would be unbearable to Caucasians, for it is in the heart of the tropics. This altitude makes comfortable living possible, but it is so extremely high and dry that the skin, hair and teeth suffer. Diseases of the heart develop, and during the wet season pneumonia is frightfully prevalent and often fatal. The sanitary conditions of the city are distinctly bad. Garbage and refuse are dumped on the outskirts, and the result is malaria, diphtheria and all other filth diseases. Artistically Johannesburg is pleasant to contemplate. It is full of long, lovely avenues of big trees and beautiful gardens.

Close observers have noticed that when a barber razors a youth's first mustache he generally shaves down.

THE COMING FIELD DAY.

ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY'S ATHLETIC SPORTS.

List of Events and Officials of the Day—Good Afternoon's Sport May be Looked For.

The final arrangements of the Hawaiian Athletic Association for the meeting on Saturday were made at a meeting held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms last night. The entries closed at 8 o'clock and are as follows:

1. One mile bicycle race (novice), at 2 p. m. sharp.—Entries, G. A. Martin, Charles Williams, Sam Johnson, Fred Damon, P. Lishman, R. Southgate.
2. One hundred yards dash, at 2 p. m.—Entries, A. Mitchell, H. Espinda, Tom Pryce, W. L. Gay, W. Bolster, W. C. Cummings, J. L. Hansmann, C. E. Hapai, J. Kalaniana'ole, Chris Holt, James Spencer.
3. One-half mile boys' bicycle race, at 2:15 p. m.—Entries, A. S. Willis, A. B. Giles, J. Leal, A. Harris, F. Iauken.
4. One-half mile bicycle race (open) at 2:15 p. m.—Entries, W. Chapman, H. A. Giles, Geo. Angus, N. Halstead, R. Dexter, R. Southgate, E. B. Berger.
5. Running high jump at 2:35 p. m.—Entries, J. Spencer, C. E. Hapai, C. J. Willis, Chris Holt.
6. Three-minute class bicycle race at 2:45 p. m.—Entries, W. Chapman, G. A. Martin, Fred Damon, Sam Johnson, N. Halstead, D. G. Sylvester, P. Lishman.
7. 220 yards dash at 2:55 p. m.—Entries, H. Espinda, Tom Pryce, W. Simerson, C. E. Hapai, J. Kalaniana'ole, Chris Holt.
8. One-half mile run at 3:05 p. m.—Entries, M. N. Andrade, A. Mitchell, B. F. Beardmore, Geo. Clarke, W. Chamberlain.
9. One mile bicycle race (open) at 3:15 p. m.—Entries, W. Chapman, H. A. Giles, Geo. Angus, N. Halstead, R. Dexter, R. Southgate, E. B. Berger.
10. 120 yards hurdle race at 3:25 p. m.—Entries, W. Armstrong, J. L. Hansmann, C. E. Hapai, Henry Hapai, J. Spencer.
11. Running broad jump at 3:35 p. m.—Entries, P. Gleason, W. Cummings, C. J. Willis, C. E. Hapai.
12. One mile novelty race at 3:45 p. m.—Entries, W. A. Chapman, Geo. Angus, H. Giles, W. Armstrong, H. Espinda, P. Lishman, D. G. Sylvester, R. Dexter, R. Southgate.
13. 440 yards dash at 3:55 p. m.—Entries, W. Simerson, T. Pryce, J. Spencer, Chris Holt.
14. One mile run at 4:05 p. m.—M. N. Andrade, A. Mitchell, H. Espinda, S. Gumpfer, B. T. Beardmore, Geo. Clark, Alfred Rosa, Dan Kamahu, W. Chamberlain.
15. Three-mile lap race at 4:15 p. m.—Entries, Geo. Angus, H. Giles, N. Halstead, P. Lishman, R. Dexter, D. G. Sylvester.
16. Horse race, one-half mile and repeat.—Entries, W. H. Cornwell's Billy C. and Chas. David's Confederate.
17. Putting the shot at 4:40 p. m.—Entries, Tom Pryce, H. C. Vida, J. Spencer, J. Kalaniana'ole, W. Chamberlain, Chris Holt.
18. Second heat one-half mile and repeat horse race.
19. Ring tournament at 5:15 p. m.—Entries, C. K. Hyde, H. A. Wilder, W. Schmidt, C. Rice, Palmer Parker.
20. Scrub horse race (one-half mile), at 5:38 p. m.—Entries: W. Armstrong's Never-Say-Die; E. B. Berger's Go-As-You-Please; C. K. Hyde's Lady Junior; Palmer Parker's Push-On-The-Reins; and C. Rice's Limper.

The following will act as officials of the day:
Judges—D. W. Corbett, T. Wright and Captain Griffiths.
Referee—J. W. Jones.
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TREES FOR THE LEPERS.

PREPARATIONS FOR STARTING A NURSERY ON MOLOKAI.

A Propagating House and Nursery to be Established at the Leper Settlement at Once.

Commissioner Marsden, to whom authority has been delegated by the Board of Health for the purpose, has perfected plans for a propagating house and nursery to be put in operation at the Leper Settlement at once, and the necessary lumber and material is now being gotten out in readiness to send to Molokai next Monday. By the same steamer men will be sent to erect the building and have it ready for gardener's work.

On the steamer of Monday, Feb. 3rd, Attorney-General Smith and Commissioner Marsden will take a trip to the Settlement to pick out suitable places for the nursery and tree planting and other matters connected therewith. With the party will be Gardener Rhodes of the Government Nurseries, who will make a stay of three or four weeks and get everything in running order. He will take with him the necessary supply of seeds, tools, sand and other materials for the successful propagating of trees and will properly instruct those who are to have the future care of the nursery.

Commissioner Marsden has no doubt that the planting of trees can be made a success if properly started and attended to, and to see that this is done will make periodical visits to the Settlement himself, or if unable to go will send the Government's gardener instead.

Information for Travelers.

As people sometimes ask in Honolulu how to get to Tahiti or Rarotonga with the quickest expedition, the following facts are published. The steamer Richmond leaves Auckland on February 19 and March 19, arriving at Tahiti on March 1 and 31 and Rarotonga on March 7 and April 6. Connection with this steamer may be made at Auckland by the Oceanic Union steamships sailing hence every four weeks. Returning, passengers reach Auckland from the places named on March 15 and April 14. Later sailing dates of the Richmond will be given here in due time.

About Confederate Money.

"Did you ever know what had become of the greater part of the Confederate paper money with which this country was flooded some years back?" asked a Philadelphia business man of a Record reporter in that city. "No? Well, neither did I until I struck Atlanta a few weeks ago. In that town I found an old man who makes a business of quietly gathering in all the Confederate bank notes he can find. You know, the stuff was issued by the ton during the war, and there is any quantity of it still floating around. When the old man gets a big bundle of the paper he sends it to Edison, the inventor, who pays a good price for it. Edison uses it to make carbon for incandescent lights. The paper on which the Confederate notes were engraved was made of the pulp of seagrass. This branch of the paper-making industry has since become a dead art. Seagrass paper, when chemically treated by Edison, has been found to make the best sort of carbon for incandescent lights, and so there is always a demand for the Confederate bills."

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DEFENDANT DISCHARGED

THE FITZGERALD-MCLAIN CASE IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

The Court Decides that the Evidence Does Not Warrant Commitment For Trial.

The preliminary examination of Arthur Fitzgerald, charge with assaulting John McLain with a dangerous weapon on the night of January 13th, took place before Judge de la Vergne this morning, the defendant pleading not guilty.

James Yeager was the first witness for the prosecution. He said he resided in Honolulu and was acquainted with Fitzgerald and saw him on the night in question in front of the Arlington with Tim Murray and McLain fighting. Fitzgerald struck McLain with a gun. He hit him on the head with the wooden part of it. McLain fell to the ground but got up and seemed to be staggering around as if looking for somebody.

Cross-examination—I was on the sidewalk and saw the fracas between Murray and McLain. They had been struggling on the ground but had got up again. McLain had a cane and was going towards Murray when the defendant came up. Murray had told McLain to stop hitting when they were on the ground. Murray said he had had enough of fighting at the time McLain was in striking distance with his cane. This was when Fitzgerald interfered. He did not bring his gun back for a heavy blow.

James Steiner said he saw the affray from a distance and the small man in uniform strike another on the head with his gun. He afterwards saw the latter was McLain. He helped to pick him up from the sidewalk. He seemed dazed and was bleeding from the head. He assisted him into the store.

W. H. Wright saw the fight on Hotel street that night and saw the little man in a P. G. uniform strike another over the head with his rifle. McLain fell from the effects of the blow but went into Steiner's afterwards to wash the blood off his face. On cross-examination he said McLain was holding up a stick when struck by Fitzgerald and was about to strike Murray with it.

Dr. Herbert testified to dressing McLain's wound on the night of the affray. It was a contused and incised wound on the forehead extending into the hair. The wound was not dangerous but the contusion might have been. Such a blow on another part of the head would have been more dangerous as it might have fractured the skull.

At this point the prosecution asked for continuance on the ground that the prosecuting witness was not present.

Officer Toma was sworn and testified that he was given a subpoena to serve on John McLain this morning. He went to his shop and was told he had not been there today. He went to his house but he was not there. He went to the hotels and other places about town but could not find him.

The motion for a continuance was denied.

There being no further testimony Judge de la Vergne made the following order: "In the opinion of the Court the testimony does not warrant commitment for trial and the defendant is discharged."

The Russian Ambassadors are paid twice as much as the American, but the Call says they are more than worth it, as they know how to keep silence in several languages.